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Interim report

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Project Narrative

This project is developing a business plan for implementing an enterprise-wide geospatial architecture. Primarily it is integrating geospatial technologies into the state-wide IT enterprise architecture and consolidation framework developed for the state. This will include a more consolidated infrastructure and an organizational and governance structure.

The PI has been working with the State CIO to develop an overarching structure for a statewide GIS plan as required by legislation passed in early 2008. The business plan being developed with the CAP funding support will constitute one portion of this larger plan. The statewide plan will also parallel as much as possible the Colorado Consolidation Plan developed by the CIO to guide IT consolidation in the state.

Two significant portions of the statewide plan are identifying what the core geospatial skills and functions that should be centralized in the consolidated IT structure of the state. The PI has been collaborating with another state agency that has been working on this issue within the agency itself. This will be an important step in identifying the types of services that should be managed in a central office. Additionally, this work has been developing a communications approach for the GIS enterprise efforts and will be leveraging a skills assessment for enterprise-wide IT to ascertain GIS skills among state personnel.

To date, the work has resulted in a specific identification of the geospatial skill that should be consolidated or serve enterprise-wide needs. A scope of work has also been developed for a contractor to perform the assessments described in the CAP grant proposal.

Next Steps

The next step for this project is publishing the RFP and contracting with a consultant to help with specific parts of the plan. The consultant will identify additional specific steps to implement the consolidation of GIS in Colorado and identify those services and activities that should be served centrally based on needs, organizational skills and other aspects.

The PI, with assistance from state IT and GIS staff, will also perform assessments of applications and services being developed and maintained by state agencies and software license purchased or maintained by state agencies. No assistance is needed at this time.

Revised Timeline

The project is commencing slightly behind schedule due to issues related to the transition of the State GIS Coordinator position to OIT and the development of the necessary administrative support functions within OIT. The original schedule called for the selection of a contractor by the end of July 2009. The contractor should be selected by the end of September 2008. The rest of the project should proceed according to schedule though.